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In re Accompanying Continuation Application Under
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Prior Application: T. YAZAKI et al
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Examiner: P. Sam
For: PACKET COMMUNICATION SYSTEM WITH QoS
CONTROL FUNCTION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application
as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before the first line, add the paragraph:

This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No.
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Page 2, second full paragraph, lines 7-18, replace the
bridging paragraph with:

On the other hand, Diffserv (differentiated services) is
stated in RFC 2475 of IETF (Internet engineering task force)
(related art 3). Using Fig.2, we explain related art 3.
Company networks 221, 222, 223, and 224 are mutually connected